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***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed 4/7/2011 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Applicant argues that the portion of the housing that encloses the motor of Herron would not be considered a capsule. The Examiner disagrees. Vacuum cleaner housings, as known in the art, necessarily encapsulate the motor since a suction compartment must be created for the vacuum to perform its function. The Examiner maintains the position that the U-shaped portion (42), along with the top cover (not drawn), encapsulates the motor.
3. Applicant argues that Herron does not disclose a first capsule part being joined to a portion of the blower housing while forming a single piece. The Examiner disagrees. The blower is fixedly mounted in the housing thus forming a single piece with the housing.
4. Applicant argues that Herron does not disclose overlapping capsule parts. The Examiner disagrees. The Examiner maintains the position that the wall sections inherently overlap since the compartment is encapsulated as discussed above. To meet the broad limitation of "overlap" the top cover only need be partially above the housing portion, which is inherent from the word "cover".
5. Applicant argues that since Herron discloses that the labyrinth arrangement of walls in the referenced '683 patent is difficult to mold, one would not modify the housing of Herron to comprise a holder for receiving a bearing element as taught by Moshenrose. The Examiner disagrees. The passage of Herron being referenced in this

argument is specifically referring to the labyrinthine arrangement of walls of the '683 patent. Further, Herron discloses that such a housing is difficult to mold, but not impossible or impractical. The difficulty of molding the referenced '683 patent does not make it impossible or impractical to modify the Herron reference as taught in Moshenrose, and thus does not teach away from such a modification.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMAL DANIEL whose telephone number is (571)270-5706. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 5:00 pm EST.

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